sion of competent technical personnel, who will directly report to the Chief Executive.

26. A separate environmental management cell with suitable qualified people to carry out various functions should be set up under the control of a senior executive who will report directly to the head of the organisation.

27. The funds earmarked for the environmental protection measures should not be diverted for other purposes and year-wise expenditure should be reported to this Ministry.

28. The Ministry may revoke clearance if implementation of the conditions is not satisfactory.

29. These conditions will be enforced *inter alia* under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1991, an Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 along with their amendments.

Pollution of Rivtr Hooghly

*115. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some studies have recently been conducted in the estuarine water of river Hooghly to ascertain the pollution levels; and

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur is conducting a study for the pollution level in the Kalyani to Birlapur stretch of the river Hooghly to update the available data in this regard. The report on the study is awaited.

Observance of Bharat Ekta Varsh

*116. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision in respect of observing the year 1992 as the "Bharat Ekta Varsha"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the schemes to be carried out as a part of this observance?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Depiction of Forest area by the Paper Industry

*117. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge forest area is being depleted by the paper indusry in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

The forest base paper milsl use mainly Eucalyptus and bamboo as their raw material. The entrie supply of eucalyptus wood comes from plantations. These eucalyptus plantations are easily regenerated by coppice growth after their harvest. Bamboo extraction however, is carried out mainly from natural forests and its extraction is strictly regulated by working plan prescriptions for that area. Bamboo working areas in the country are by and large covered by working plans.

(b) In order to relieve pressure on the country's forests for raw materials, the government are encouraging manufacture of paper from agricultural wastes. Presently, agricultural waste based mills are estimated to contribute about 30 percent of the total paper production in the